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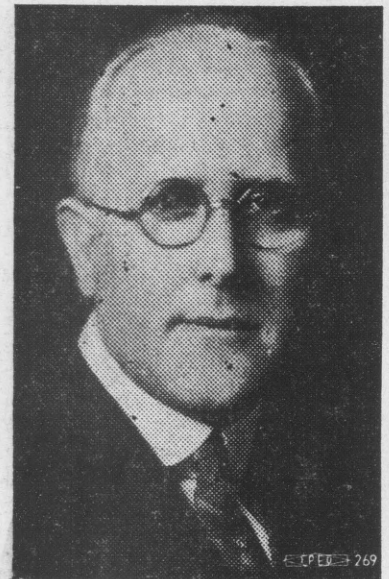
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**FRANK MACDONALD**  
**PASSES SUDDENLY**

In a year that seems predestined to be one of trial and testing for the labor movement, in the



FRANK C. MACDONALD

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Life Occupation: Unselfish Service to His Fellowman

loss of its seasoned leaders as well as in setbacks on the legislative

**NLRB Examiner**  
**Can't Make Use of**  
**Boss' Anti-Union Talk**

The Coca-Cola Co. of Greensboro, N.C., doesn't like unions. As soon as James Hodge, an employee of 17 years standing, became active in forming a local of the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL), plant superintendent Parker discharged him. A few minutes before the discharge, company president Paul Carter delivered a strongly anti-union speech to the assembled employees.

But although Hodge was obviously discharged for union activity, and Carter's speech was strongly anti union, the trial examiner hearing the case found that he could not use the speech, under the Taft-Hartley law, to decide whether or not Hodge was discharged because the company wanted to get rid of the union leader.

The trial examiner sums it all up as follows:

"It would normally be presumed that Carter's speech might throw some light on Hodge's discharge. It should be helpful in determining Carter's motivation . . . the thing at issue . . . to know whether he expressed a dislike of unions or union activity.

"Reasonable as this course might seem, the trial examiner is prohibited from following it by this law. . . . If it appeared that the speech was favorable to union organization . . . that would be persuasive evidence that Hodge's discharge was not connected with his union activity. . . . And there would be no difficulty in using the evidence of the speech for such a finding. For Section 8 (c) of the law forbids only the use of views, arguments or opinions, not associated with threats of reprisal, or force or promise or benefit, AS EVIDENCE OF AN UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE. In other words, the labor board may use Carter's words FOR his benefit, but not AGAINST him, odd as such a result may appear to the lay mind.

"Actually, Carter's speech strongly opposed unions and I may not, therefore use it in making a finding that Hodge was discharged immediately afterward, and without perceptible change of pace, in violation of the law. The finding that Hodge was discharged because of his union activity, is based on other evidence entirely."

**Lettuce Shed Workers to Vote**  
**September 28 on AFL Union**  
**In Salinas; CIO Not on Ballot**

Date of the National Labor Relations Board election for lettuce shed workers in the Salinas-Watsonville-Hollister area, to determine if the workers shall be represented by the AFL or by no union, has been set as on or about Tuesday, September 28, it was announced last week.

The FTA-CIO union which formerly had these workers as members and which has the present contract with the growers and shippers of the area has been denied a place on the ballot because leaders have not complied with the Taft-Hartley Law by signing non-Communist affidavits, it was said.

A vote of "YES" on the ballot

and economic fronts, there came one of the most saddening events last Thursday morning in the death of Frank C. MacDonald, whose name will be enshrined in the book that tells of the wage-earner's struggle for a better, fuller life.

A half-century of devoted, inspired service to the otherwise inarticulate working man and woman was ended at 9:30 Thursday morning when a heart attack closed the mortal existence of Brother MacDonald.

No one man makes up the labor movement, since that is the essence of its democracy, but there are individuals without whom the progress of the wage-earner would be slower, even more painful. The strength and character of individual leaders are the steel in this structure of organization. Frank MacDonald was one of these men.

His life is woven into the story and the structure of the California labor movement, and it will remain there, in constant tribute to him. At a time when greater sincerity and selflessness are the crying need in labor, as well as in business and government, we may well look at the record of Frank MacDonald for a guide and inspiration to these essentials in human character.

**SECRETARIES TALK**  
**CONTRACT MATTERS**  
**AT 'MUTUAL' MEET**

Meeting in Monterey, secretaries and officials of various Culinary Alliance and Bartender unions in the Monterey Bay area devoted most of their "mutual assistance" meeting last week to discussion of contract matters, it was reported.

Secretaries George Rice of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483, Bertha A. Boles of Salinas Culinary 467, Al Clark of Salinas Bartenders 545 and Mildred Rowe of Santa Cruz County Culinary-Bartenders 345 were among those present at the meeting.

**CARPENTERS PLAN**  
**IMPORTANT MEETING**

Carpenters Union 925 will have important business scheduled at the regular meeting on Tuesday of this week, Business Manager George R. Harter reports. All members were urged to be present.

**It's a Boy**

Ed Howe, bookkeeper at the C. B. Gentry plant in Gilroy, and his wife, both of them members of General Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas, became parents of a baby boy last week, according to Business Agent W. G. Kenyon of Local 890. Bro. Howe has been busy—passing out cigars, book-keeping and learning how to care for the new arrival.

Soybean meal, about one-half protein, is not only an excellent cattle feed but also makes an excellent and economical glue used in plywood making.

**PG&E Builders**  
**Meet Salinas**  
**Union Leaders**

Officials of Stone & Webster, Boston, Mass., building contractors, who are in Monterey County to start work on the big Pacific Gas and Electric Company's new steam generating plant at Moss Landing, met with labor union officials at Salinas last week.

Actual work on the new power is expected to get underway by the end of September, the site being the 280-acre Vierra ranch on Highway 1 between the Permanente plant at the slough.

Cost of the project has not been announced but officials said the project is expected to reach some \$80,000,000 and will continue for several years.

Business Agents George R. Harter of Carpenters 925 and J. B. McGinley of Laborers 272 agreed that the representatives of the building firm are co-operative in the matter of men, work conditions and wages.

Stone & Webster is a member of the Associated General Contractors of America and has working agreements with international unions in the construction field, it was reported.

The firm has opened local offices in the Forrester's Building in downtown Salinas. Other offices will be established at the site of the huge project shortly, it was said, and unions involved are to be provided with either sub-offices or office space.

Dave Morris is reported to be the labor relations man for the builder on the project.

Total number of men to be employed on the project at its peak has not been estimated, union officials report.

**FILMS HERE**  
**FOR UNION;**  
**CALL COUNCIL**

Copies of two films of great interest to labor unions and others at this time are now in hands of the Central Labor Union of Monterey County at Salinas and are available for showing to meetings of any nature, Council Secretary W. G. Kenyon reports.

The films, "The DiGiorgio Strike" and "The Magic State," were to be shown to the Mechanics Union meeting this week. Kenyon said the labor council would pay charges for the motion picture operator to show the films to club and civic meetings. Unions will be asked to pay the nominal cost to help defray some of the expense. Operators, members of IATSE Union 611, have given a special rate for this showing.

First film is a story of the background of the infamous DiGiorgio strike in Kern County. The second film is the story of reasons for the proposed re-apportionment of the California State Senate, as contained in Proposition 12 on the November ballot.

**Agrillo Leaves**  
**For Convention**

Anthony Agrillo, district vice-president of the California State Federation of Labor and secretary of San Jose Barbers' Union 252, left Tuesday by train for Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend two Barber conventions.

His departure was delayed so that he might attend the Labor Day celebration at Santa Cruz, where he was a speaker.

He will attend the California State Association of Barbers' convention starting September 11, and the international convention of the craft starting September 13. Agrillo is secretary-treasurer of the state group.

Upon his return to San Jose, Agrillo will rest only two days and then will leave for Long Beach to attend the California State Federation of Labor Executive Council meeting and statewide convention.

**Produce Drivers**  
**Vote Union Shop**

Produce drivers in the Watsonville, Hollister and Salinas area voted 633 to 7 recently for a union shop agreement under General Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas, according to Union Secretary Peter A. Andrade.

The election was conducted by the National Labor Relations Board on an area-wide basis in conformity with the Taft-Hartley Law.

**Can't Weigh Cost**



Modern scales which add up the cost while weighing the meat have been outmoded by soaring prices. The scales were made to register a 75-cent-a-pound maximum rate, so butcher and customer use their fingers to compute the cost of a 99-cent-a-pound roast.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION TO MAKE**  
**DRIVE TO ADVERTISE PROPOSITIONS**  
**12, 13, 14; FILMS READY TO BE SHOWN**

Central Labor Council of Monterey County had a most progressive meeting on Friday, Aug. 27. The showing of the films, getting union members registered and the advertising for Propositions No. 12, 13 and 14 getting the attention of the delegates.

Installation of officers was held by the Laundry Workers and they made a five dollar donation to the Shrine Fund. Painters 1104 reported the purchasing of a new typewriter for their secretary. Sugar Refinery Workers 20616 reported a NLRB election winning with an 87 per cent majority.

General Teamsters Warehousemen and Helpers 890 report the winning of a NLRB election at General and West Coast Shook Companies are now organized, according to reports.

The By-Laws committee reported a revision of the by-laws and they were presented in mimeograph form for the attention of the delegates.

This group reported progress and that the films were ready for showing.

A letter from the California State Federation of Labor urging the unions to renew their efforts in getting full registration of the membership.

The A. F. of L. Political committee asking the unions to procure cards for the precincting of the voters so that an effort may be made to get out the vote.

Secretary Kenyon was instructed to concur in the request of the State Apprenticeship Council whereby they asked the Central Labor Union to enlarge the facilities of the Apprenticeship Training program.

The American Federation of Labor's Political and Educational committee asking the unions to set up Women's Auxiliaries or groups to take an active part in the political campaigns. Secretary Kenyon was authorized to write the committee for the information so as to arrange such a program. The convention call of the American Federation of Labor was received. Secretary was instructed to send in the credentials. Proceedings of the convention will be available for the delegates through the council.

In order to advertise and get votes for the propositions that the union labor movement is vitally interested in, it was moved by Bro. Andrade and seconded by Bro. Mills that the Council purchase ten

thousand books of matches and that the legislative committee be delegated the job of arranging reading matter to go on the matches dealing with propositions 12, 13 and 14.

Brother Mills brought to the attention of the delegates the matter of some member attending the meetings of the school board.

Brothers Andrade and Harter spoke on the new industries that are coming to the district and the year-round employment that will be had by local people.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Brother Barnett and seconded by Brother Harter that the council pay the motion picture operator for the showing of films to civic and fraternal groups and that local unions will pay the operator for showing the films to their own unions. This was carried.

**Butchers Send**  
**Contract Opening**  
**Notes to Bosses**

Letters have been sent to all employers by Butchers Union 506 in San Jose, Santa Clara County, Monterey County, San Benito County, and the Watsonville section of Santa Cruz County, notifying the employers that the union wishes to re-open the contracts for negotiation.

**\$1,000 Policy**  
**Now in Effect**  
**For Butchers**

Life insurance policies providing beneficiaries \$1,000 for normal death and double indemnity for accidental death are being sent to members of Butchers' union 506 of San Jose, Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties, Union Secretary Earl Moorhead reports.

The new insurance program, added to that of the international union, was placed in effect by Local 506 as of September 1, 1948, under arrangements with the California Western States Life Insurance Company, low bidder for insuring the union membership.

All members of Local 506 working in the industry are insured, regardless of age and without the necessity of physical examination. More than 1,000 members of the local are covered, Moorhead said.

All members are urged to notify the union of their correct beneficiaries, if they have not done so. Any errors in the policies, when received, should be reported to the union office.

The new \$1,000 insurance provided by the union under vote of the membership at a recent meeting is in addition to death benefits by the international union for all members in good standing. The international's benefits amount to \$50 for membership of six months to one year, \$100 after one year of membership, \$200 after two years, \$300 after three years, and \$400 after 10 years.

Members of Local 506 are provided with sickness benefits of \$7 per week from the first week, maximum of ten weeks per illness, under a union-operated sick benefit plan. The sick fund is established through a by-laws' provision setting aside 50 cents of monthly dues per member for the fund, Moorhead said.

**GOOD OF THE COUNCIL**

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**INTERNATIONAL**  
**ORGANIZERS HERE**

Two international representatives were in Salinas on various business matters last week, conferring with union officials and checking on work. Representative McDonald of the Plumbers Union 503, Representative Snyder of the Electrical Workers Union was covering the territory with Carl Lara, business agent of IBEW Local 243.

**HARTER ATTENDS**  
**MILL MEET IN S.F.**

George R. Harter, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was called to San Francisco last week to attend the California Mill Committee there. Harter participated in various discussions regarding conditions for the mill workers throughout the state.

**SWIMMING POOL**  
**PLANNED BY 'Y'**

Plans for a 35 by 75 foot swimming pool to be built by the Y.M.C.A. in Salinas at a cost estimated at \$50,000 were outlined last week by the board of directors of the civic organization, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272.

Charles E. Butner, Salinas architect, will draw the plans for the pool, which will be built on a site near the high school and which will be for use by the general public as well as Y.M.C.A. members, it was said.

**AFL COUNCIL HITS**  
**BIG BUSINESS GREED**

Chicago.—The "shortsighted greed" of big business is responsible for the inflation that is leading the U. S. toward an economic bust, the AFL Executive Council warned August 23.

The council's statement, issued after the first session of its quarterly meeting here, called on the government to bring representatives of labor, management and agriculture together to work out a voluntary anti-inflationary program.

"The pressure of constantly increasing prices falls heaviest upon workers in the low income groups and those with fixed incomes," the Council said. "But even industrial workers who have succeeded through their trade union in obtaining several wage increases since the end of the war are being caught in the squeeze, since wages inevitably fall behind prices during an inflationary spiral.

"As we survey the economic situation today, it appears obvious that a large part of our current inflation is due, not to shortages and unsatisfied consumer demand, but to a deliberate policy on the part of big business. The substance of that policy seems to be to get what can be gotten while the getting it good.

"The Executive Council solemnly warns that by following such a policy of shortsighted greed big business will only be digging the grave of the free enterprise system. Our national economy cannot sustain the effects of inflation indefinitely. The bubble is bound to burst. When it does, our hopes for an orderly and lasting prosperity and the maintenance of world peace will be shattered.

"America cannot afford such a wild gamble. We must act now to prevent disaster. In the absence of any effective legislation by Congress to lead the way, such action must be voluntary."

Objective of the proposed joint conference among labor, management and agriculture, the Council said, "should be to bring about an immediate halt to all price increases and a gradual reduction in prices. It must be done in a way that will not dislocate our economy or cause undue hardship to any particular economic group. Above all, the continuation of high employment must be safeguarded."

**HITS CONGRESS ON HOUSING**  
The special session of the 80th Congress "failed the nation" on housing, the AFL Executive Council also charged. The legislation Congress did pass "cannot and will not result in any additional housing for the average worker and his family, or the average veteran and his family," the Council stated.

"The 1948 housing act contained a number of aids to private builders and home owners which may lead to additional housing for families in the upper and middle income brackets," the Council explained, but it does not improve the position of people who really need living space.

The result of its own survey of housing conditions in major U. S. cities, released by the Council to document its statement, showed that one of every five urban families are doubling up, living in overcrowded conditions, or making their "homes" in rooming houses, trailers and tents. Between five and six million city dwellings are substandard. Less than one per cent of city houses are now vacant, whereas the prewar figure was sometimes 40 per cent. More than 10 million new homes need to be built to meet present shortages.

The Council's roundup also dealt with rents and house prices. It said the average family can afford to pay \$55 a month rent or buy a \$5,500 house. But apartment rentals today are \$80 or more and houses are anywhere from \$7,500 up.

**SUPPORTS BECK**  
In another action, the Executive Council backed Executive Vice-President Dave Beck of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), who had been accused of providing seats at the Seattle plane where the International Association of Machinists (unaffiliated) is on strike. Beck had been sharply criticized for such activities by several AFL bodies. A district convention of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) had demanded his removal.

The Council accepted Beck's explanation that he was extending the jurisdiction of an AFL union against "a non-affiliated organization." In another development at the meeting, Teamster President Daniel J. Tobin denied reports that he had broken with Beck, and Beck said there was no truth to stories that he wanted to take over Tobin's job.

AFL President William Green announced that the Executive Council had authorized a loan of \$20,000 to \$25,000 to the Force Ouvriere, French anti-Communist labor group which has split off from the French General Confed-

eration of Labor (CGT), which unites most workers in that country.

At the same time, however, George M. Harrison, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and a member of the AFL Executive Council, announced that the leaders of nearly all AFL unions, acting as individuals, are forming an independent committee for the election of the Truman-Barkeley ticket.

"Forty national union presidents already have joined this committee," Mr. Harrison declared, "and within a week we expect to be able to announce that they will all be in, with the possible exception of two or three."

Previously, the administrative committee of Labor's League for Political Education, in executive session, had engaged in a lengthy discussion of whether the league, as such, should endorse a candidate for President.

No direct motions to this effect were made, no vote was taken, and no formal decision was made, AFL President William Green told a press conference later, but the consensus of opinion among the 30 AFL leaders who make up the committee was that the league should adhere to its original purpose—namely, the election of a new Congress which would favor repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and enactment of liberal legislation.

Detailed reports were made to the conference on the political situation with regard to the 32 Senate seats at stake in the November elections and in every congressional contest in each state.

Mr. Harrison declared that the league will concentrate its fire on the senatorial races in 13 states, namely, Rhode Island, New Mexico, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Minnesota, Illinois, Delaware, Idaho and Michigan. In all the foregoing cases, the league is supporting the Democratic candidates for senator, or at least is opposing the Republican nominees.

Joseph Keenan, national director of the league, disclosed that he plans to put on a strong drive this month to prevail upon all union members and their families to register and an equally active campaign in October to make certain those who register actually go to the polls to cast their votes.

"Our first big job is to get them on the books," he said, "and then to get the votes into the ballot box."

The league discussed elaborate plans to use motion pictures, radio appeals, pamphlets and direct checks at union meetings to make these drives effective.

Mr. Keenan reported that a survey among local union members in Newark, N. J., undertaken as a test case, showed that only a small percentage of union members had thus far registered in order to qualify to vote in November.

"We fear that may be typical of conditions all over the country and that's why we are concentrating our efforts to get out the vote," he said.

"If we do succeed in getting out the vote," Mr. Green stated, "I have no doubt that we will win sweeping victories in the election."

Secretary-Treasurer Meany presented a financial report to the conference which was regarded as highly encouraging. While no figures will be made public until they are filed with the official congressional committees which check on campaign contributions and expenditures, Mr. Meany expressed confidence that sufficient funds will be collected in voluntary contributions from union members to finance all the league's activities and provide direct help to candidates receiving the league's endorsement.



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## Propertied Classes and Monopoly

The greatest single threat to democracy in the United States is big-business monopoly and cartelism. While a majority of informed people understand the seriousness of this menace, monopoly will never be restrained until more of our property owning classes, who have the most to lose from monopolistic dominance, understand the issues and help labor and liberals to restrain this juggernaut that crushes everything in its path remotely resembling free enterprise, ethical competition and freedom of opportunity.

Unfortunately, many propertied classes among whom are farmers, merchants, small and medium-sized manufacturers, professional people, persons living off annuities, incomes and pensions, too often align themselves with big-business because it gratuitously presumes to speak for ALL property owners through high-pressure mouthpieces like the National Association of Manufacturers, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, National Real Estate Boards, American Bankers Association and some big farm groups. Too often these property-owning classes are influenced by a press and radio that is owned and controlled by big-business and reflects big business propaganda.

This relentless, iceberg-like pressure of monopoly forces the creation of the counterforce of centralized big government to oppose it successfully. In the conflict between these two dominant powers, the propertied classes, like the workers, are "in the middle." This is true because the livelihood and well-being of both are predicated upon the success of big corporations and financial institutions which set the national economic pattern. Nevertheless in our mass production economy, the prosperity of farmers, small merchants, manufacturers and professional classes in dependent upon the earning and consuming power of the many, many millions of workers, and not upon the patronage and spending of the comparatively few thousand persons who own and manage big business.

Like monopoly, big-government, with power centralized and frozen in the nation's capital, is also a threat to economic and political democracy which must originate and thrive at local levels and not depend upon some "Big White Father" and his bureaucrats to protect and dispense these rights.

Members of the propertied classes, like many unthinking union members, are not as aware and informed as they should be to the dangerous threat which monopoly poses to their property, civil liberties, economic opportunities and living standards.

Monopoly can yet be restrained if loopholes in our obsolete anti-trust laws are plugged up, and if we elect a Congress and national administration that will act most vigorously to provide and enforce such laws. To achieve this, the propertied classes must join forces with labor and liberals with the common purpose of electing a government that will relentlessly proceed against monopoly.

This alliance must take place this year.

Two or four years hence, it may be too late to smash monopoly without having to sacrifice many of our present freedoms.

## Who Owns the Corporations?

The often repeated Wall Street fable to the effect that 16,000,000 American "of every income class" own the corporation stocks, blew up last week when the Federal Reserve Board issued some startling and authoritative figures based on facts.

Though there are some 145,000,000 Americans, only around 5,500,000 of them own any corporation stocks. That is, stocks in recognized business firms that are doing business and trying to pay dividends.

This, of course, is no news to the working people. Not that they haven't invested, from time to time, in stocks. Oh, they have! They hold billions of shares of stock in defunct oil companies, gold mining companies, and what have you? But the sort of stuff that Wall Street gambles with—no!

The American people, laborers as well as millionaires, love to place small bets on the off chance of hitting the jackpot. The thrill of taking a chance on stock in a company to make truck tires out of feathers, or diamonds out of pea soup, or for prospecting for red flannel shirt mites in Zamboango, is irresistible. Maybe, here and there, a working man actually owns a share of stock in a company that pays dividends—but not many.

We may divide thinkers into those who think for themselves, and those who think through others. The latter are the rule and the former the exception.—Schopenhauer.

A fully democratic and a fully effective union is possible only when each member assumes responsibility.—Tacoma Labor Advocate.

Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.—Thomas Jefferson.

## Frank MacDonald Passes Suddenly

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man in the state. I don't think we can replace him. He was the greatest friend I ever had. I have served him some 20 years as vice president.

Daniel F. Del Carlo, secretary and business representative of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council and an active leader in state building trades affairs.

"The labor movement of California and especially the building trades have lost one of the most capable men ever to assume a position of leadership. It will be impossible to replace his qualities of broad understanding and aggressive pursuit of the ideals and the needs of the wage-earner, and above all his uncompromising sincerity and devotion to their cause."

"Throughout the years I have been associated with him and worked under his capable direction on many affairs of the state building trades. I have observed the true character of his leadership and considered myself highly fortunate to have been his close friend and associate."

"I consider it my personal obligation and privilege to help in every way possible in carrying on with his ideals and taking up where he left off in many efforts designed to better the lot of the workingman in California. In this way and this way only can we pay our respects to the memory of this outstanding leader."

Joe Marshall, Coast Vice-President of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union of America:

"I have been closely associated with Frank MacDonald, President of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council for the past 35 years. The passing away of Frank MacDonald will be a great loss to the entire labor movement of the State of California. He had the undaunted courage of his convictions and carried them through, to the great benefit of the growing labor movement. He was labor's guardian in the legislative halls of the state. Every government official, friend and foe alike, respected him for his honesty, integrity, and ability. A monument should be erected in labor's hall of fame in everlasting tribute to Frank C. MacDonald."

Victor S. Swanson, vice-president of the Operating Engineers' International Union and business manager of Operating Engineers' Local No. 3:

"It is difficult for me to express myself on this occasion. . . . He was a leader among leaders. During the days when San Francisco labor organizations were in their infancy, he was a bulwark of strength. Throughout the years he continued to progress. His great understanding of the labor movement, his watchfulness in preventing anti-labor legislation, has probably given the working men of this state more benefits than that done by any other person."

Jack Smith, vice-president of the Plasterers and Cement Finishers International Union:

"With the passing of Frank MacDonald labor has suffered a great setback. I had the greatest respect for him. There is no one I know who had a keener, more analytical mind. He was constantly vigilant in watching labor legislation and untiring in his efforts to oppose bills detrimental to labor."

C. Al Green, vice president of the State Building Trades Council in the San Joaquin valley area, comprising Stanislaus, Merced, Tuolumne and Mariposa counties:

"Men like Frank MacDonald are few and far between. There was little, in his lifetime of service to the workingman, that Frank MacDonald overlooked in both help and hindrance to their common cause. He was thorough, painstaking, consistent, and deeply sincere in his efforts. He built up a fund of knowledge that few if any possess, and he assimilated this information and put it into daily use in his work. At all times this ability was there for the service of either individuals or organizations. He possessed that rare combination of idealism and practicality that makes the true labor leader."

J. W. Harlow, Santa Rosa, a former member of the Executive Board for more than eight years:

"I have known Frank C. MacDonald since 1910 and I feel it will be difficult to find a man to carry on as usual. The labor laws he has sponsored have been of great benefit to organized labor."

Al Glen, Contra Costa County vice-president of the State Building Trades Council, and Oakland business representative of Operating Engineers 3:

"It will be difficult if not impossible to replace a man like Frank MacDonald. He had a knowledge of the many problems of labor and a sincerity and consistency to go with it that made him outstanding in leadership of labor and its cause. Men of his character and ability are unfortunately rare in labor as well as in industry and government. Fitting tribute to his memory will best be made by emulating his ideals and carrying on with the many constructive projects in which he was engaged."

The individual who does you a kindness is entitled to a kindness from you, some day, some way.

## The Man Behind Monopoly

By RICHARD SASULY, Federated Press Feature Writer

The first inventor I ever knew was a man named Norton. Except for his own family and friends, no one has ever heard of him. He was the foreman of a construction crew which was building a power substation for a big utility company.

Norton had a little cubbyhole of his own in the half-built substation. There were wires and ropes running from it all over the place so that any time he wanted something he would pull a lever or throw a switch and the article would come flying to his hand.

Every man on the crew was convinced that Norton could make whatever gadget you needed to do anything. He didn't believe in taking two extra steps if he could devise a machine to do the work for him. Engineers listened to him solemnly.

He was an arrogant man, this Norton. He was smarter than most of the people he had ever met. He knew it and he was impatient with people whose thinking moved more slowly. He never talked about unions because he assumed that any man who couldn't see that workers have to organize was a fool. He thought a scab was the lowest form of the human species.

Norton was also a monopoly builder. He probably had no idea of this himself, and if you mentioned it to him he might have swung on you. But it is true just the same. He had to work for wages all his life, but he was the kind of man who makes monopolies possible.

Invention is surely one of the higher forms of human activity. It takes brains and creative ability. Inventions solve problems, win wars, make life easier.

Yet the inventor who profits greatly from his own work is a very rare bird. He is like the unknown and unremembered prospectors who turned up the mineral wealth of the West. It takes big capital to develop either a mine or a process. The original discoverer rarely has capital. He has to sell out cheap. The discovery, generally in the form of a patent, is placed in the arsenal of big business.

Control of patents becomes a cornerstone of monopoly. Monopolies are built in many ways, but one of the safest and surest ways is through the control of a key process.

Suppose that Best-on-Earth Products, Inc. makes

dingbats. Someone like Norton, hiding in his heart his contempt of the college-trained executives who come snooping around his work, shows them a better and cheaper way to make dingbats.

Now Best-on-Earth can undersell its competitors. The others come running to it for the new process. Best-on-Earth licenses the product of Norton's brain, but with conditions. Production has to be limited, markets have to be divided and, above all, high prices have to be maintained. A monopoly has been created. And Norton, or someone like him, started it though it profited him little.

Week after week the Federal Trade Commission issues orders to corporations telling them to stop monopoly practices which are gouging the public. In case after case the FTC explanation of the order shows that control of patents was at the root of the monopoly.

Sometimes the ideas which grow in the brains and hands of men like Norton move over into international politics. Control of processes is also a basis for the huge international cartels which have almost governmental power.

During the war, several congressional committees exposed the deals between Standard Oil of New Jersey and the German cartel, I. G. Farben. It was shown that Standard, in many ways the most powerful corporation in the world, was led around by the nose by Farben. The committees used strong language. Standard was accused of what amounted to traitorous action by protecting Farben processes from U. S. companies which needed them for war production.

The question which always bothered committee analysts was, why? Why did Standard play I. G. Farben's game? There were many answers but the simplest lay in Farben's great technological power, its ability to produce new processes which might later stab at the heart of Standard's empire.

Inventions seem to be getting scarcer. In the early 1930's, the U. S. Patent Office was issuing more than 50,000 patents a year. At present the figure is closer to 20,000. Some engineers fear the U. S. is entering a period of technological stagnation like that entered by Great Britain in 1910. One sure effect of this is that men like Norton will still work for wages but their ideas will make the grip of monopoly even tighter.

## A Modest Document

By BRADFORD V. CARTER, Labor Press Associates Feature Writer

Recently the Republican National Committee began a column service to labor papers. On the theory that very few union journals will want to reprint the GOP presssheet, I am furnishing a summary of it—so's the Republican Party will know that we unionists aren't ignoring their efforts, or rebuffing their offer to get cozy.

First enclosure was a set of photo mats of candidates Dewey and Warren. We aren't reproducing these. The daily papers consider both these gentlemen very handsome, and no doubt you've already had a chance to admire their portraits.

The official summary of the "labor record" of the Republican Party is somewhat more interesting. It begins with 1854, and peters off with 1932. In that year the Republicans gave us the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction act. The summary doesn't mention the fact that last year the GOP virtually repealed this act when it passed Taft-Hartley.

But from 1932 to 1945 the GOP has no pro-labor claims to put forth. It doesn't claim, for instance, that Republicans in Congress had anything to do with the passage of the Wagner Act, social security and minimum wage legislation, TVA, or the host of other laws that benefited workers during these years. Could it be that they opposed these laws?

The only point that the GOP scores on the basis of recent history is that in 1945 it rejected in Congress an Administration proposal to conscript labor during the war, and that in 1946 the conservatives in Congress turned thumbs down on a Truman proposal to draft into the Army strikers in plants "taken over" by the government.

## AMA Turns Clock Back

At the time of the National Health Assembly early in May, many people were agreeably surprised when the representatives of the American Medical Association agreed to this statement:

"The principle of contributory health insurance should be the basic method of financing medical care for the large majority of the American people, in order to remove the burden of unpredictable sickness costs, abolish the economic barrier to adequate medical services and avoid the indignities of a 'means test.'"

This was interpreted as a great victory, for apparently the AMA, in taking this action, was withdrawing its support of the Taft "charity" health bill. But late in June, at their annual session in Chicago, the AMA bigwigs turned the clock back again. They made their actual position quite clear by stating that:

"It should be distinctly understood that the term 'contributory health insurance' should not include government contributions in financing this type of medical care except where the need for such government contributions is definitely established. In the same paragraph it should be emphasized that the terms 'avoid the indignities of a means test' does in no sense indicate favoring the abolition of this test."

At the Chicago sessions the AMA also turned down a resolution introduced by the New York state delegates which would have lifted the Jim Crow restrictions which keep Negro physicians out of many county medical societies.

This resolution was originally introduced into the New York County Medical Society by the Physicians Forum, which has waged a consistent campaign to abolish Jim Crow in medicine. This campaign was responsible for the introduction of the resolution at the AMA convention.

Unfortunately, the New York state delegates who introduced the resolution didn't show too much en-

thusiasm for it. As one newspaper account said, "they did not put up an impassioned struggle for its adoption. Indeed they seemed lukewarm to it themselves."

The AMA turned the resolution down. They put themselves down on record for maintaining the status quo.

Finally the AMA, while approving the Red Cross blood bank program, hedged this approval around with several restrictions.

They insisted that local control of blood banks must be maintained by the county medical society, that the medical society must be the first group contacted when a new bank is being set up and that all publicity must have the approval of the medical society.

The AMA, true to form, then went on to deplore the use of the term "free blood" in American Red Cross publicity. Callously indifferent to the enormous life-saving potential of "free blood," the AMA spokesmen argued that:

"Any provision of free medical service or supply to everyone without regard to ability to pay is in opposition to the principle that it is the responsibility of an individual to assume the obligations of medical expense just as he does for other living expense."

Still playing the same old tune!

The steel industry announces there have been no consumer complaints about the latest price rise. That's what is known as playing dumb and deaf at the same time.

A total of 1,826,200 civilian employees were on the federal payroll in continental U. S. June 1, the Civil Service Commission reported.

In 1946, 95 union certifications were made in Hawaii through the NLRB.

## Highlights of Bldg. Trades Bulletins

By DAN DEL CARLO

Secretary - Business representative of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council.



(Ed. Note)—The Building and Construction Trades Department of the A. F. of L. issues a very informative bulletin monthly. Because it is not sent to all the unions and membership in the area, the following highlights are presented by Brother Del Carlo as a regular monthly feature.

### THREE UNION DISPUTES

The August Bulletin of the Department announces appointment of three Joint Boards for settlement of three jurisdictional disputes. John T. Dunlap, impartial chairman, is on each of the three boards, which will consider the following cases:

Board No. 9, hearing Friday, Oct. 1. Issue: application of aluminum shingles. Disputants: Sheet Metal Workers and Carpenters. Labor members: Pres. John Rooney of the Plasterers; Pres. Harry Bates of the Bricklayers. Employers: Frank Barnes of Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corp., Geo. Stuart, director of Painting Contractors of America.

Board No. 14, hearing Thursday and Friday, Oct. 7 and 8. Issue: stripping of forms from concrete. Disputants: Carpenters and Laborers. Labor: Pres. Bates of Bricklayers, Pres. Chas. J. McGowan of Boilermakers. Employers: Arthur H. Wells, Pres. of John Griffiths & Son, Constr. Co., and Louis L. Narowetz of Narowetz Heating and Air Conditioning Co.

Board No. 17, hearing Thursday, Sept. 30. Issue: operation of gasoline driven electrical generators for welding. Disputants: Operating Engineers and Plumbers. Labor:

Pres. Rooney of the Plasterers, and Pres. L. P. Lindelof of the Painters. Employers: Mr. Barnes of Merritt-Chapman and Scott, and C. J. Stait, The Contractors Assn. of America.

### DAM WORKERS WANT AFL

Employees of the Ozark Dam Constructors on the Bull Shoals Dam project in Arkansas have voted for representation by the AFL Building Trades Joint Council in that area, it is reported in the August Bulletin of the AFL Building Trades Department.

The victory is considered especially significant because the operating contractors on the dam have long been notoriously open shop, according to Dan Del Carlo, business representative of San Francisco Building Trades Council.

In March the Joint Council asked recognition as the bargaining agent for men at work on the dam. Brown & Root, the contractors refused. The Council appealed to NLRB for an election. The Council won a majority in group one and group three, and the International Assn. of Machinists received a majority in its division, group two.

The Council has notified the employers that it is ready to bargain on wages, hours, and working conditions to prevail on the project.

## Frank MacDonald Halted Big Business Maneuver

No California AFL leader realized more clearly than Frank C. MacDonald, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council who passed away early Thursday morning, the behind-the-scenes maneuvers of the reactionary political-industry combine to whittle away the gain of labor.

Appointed as a member of the Legislative Constitutional Revision Committee set up by the last session of the Legislature, he saw quickly that the group was loaded with bankers, railroad, and Associated Farmers' hatchmen.

MacDonald was principally responsible for stopping cold during a session of the committee in Santa Barbara last February a quick-lick-a-fox attempt to sidetrack the reasonable possibility that the state's basic charter would ever be submitted for rewriting to regularly elected delegates attending a constitutional convention.

Article XVIII of the document as it now stands permits the Legislature to submit individual amendments to the voters for ratification.

The revisers wanted to secure committee approval of a measure to be appended to this article which would allow the Assembly and State Senate to prepare and submit to the electorate a brand new constitution.

What especially irked MacDonald was the discovery that this deal had been cooked up without his knowledge.

"Why all the rush," he shouted. "We must make haste slowly. This kind of action is what causes people to lose faith in the Legislature. I am not afraid of words," he said, referring to the necessity to cut excess verbiage out of the constitution. "But the words must not be confined to those which are not to the benefit of the people."

On a motion by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, the proposal was referred back to the legislative subcommittee by a roll call vote of 60 to 39. But when a motion was made to adjourn the session so the subcommittee could meet and report back, MacDonald cut loose with a thundering condemnation of the entire procedure.

"You know this smells bad," he exclaimed. "Why all the rush when we are dealing with the rights of the people. This is a circumvention of their right to do the revising. We don't like this whole procedure, beginning with this morning when we did not receive a notice of the meeting."

"We don't know where we are going or how to get there. This is taking an unfair advantage of us. We are given no chance to study the proposal. And I doubt, Mr. Chairman, whether there is even a quorum of this committee present today."

### MacDONALD CHRONOLOGY

Frank C. MacDonald, born in Denver, Colorado, on September

22, 1880, came to San Francisco as a boy and studied at night school here.

At the turn of the century, while learning his trade of tile setter, he organized and became first president of the San Francisco Tile Layer Helpers' Union. As a journeyman he was both business agent of Local 19 and business representative of the San Francisco Building Trades Council.

In 1912, when the late P. H. McCarthy became the Union Labor Party's mayor of San Francisco, Mr. MacDonald was appointed to the Civil Service Commission.

During the first World War, he served on the Federal District Exemption Board.

When former-Mayor McCarthy resigned his long-term position as president of the State Building Trades Council in 1922, Mr. MacDonald was elevated to that position from the vice-presidency.

A fighter for labor legislation in Sacramento and in Washington, he was named State Labor Commissioner in 1933. A year later he was appointed to the State Industrial Accident Commission.

MacDonald was one of the first directors of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District.

At the time of his death he was president of the San Francisco Building Trades Council's Temple Association and was a member of the California Constitution Revision Committee. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Esther MacDonald.

## SAMPLE NEW HEAD OF MOLDERS' UNION

Cincinnati.—The presidency of the International Molders and Foundry Workers Union, an AFL affiliate with 100,000 members, has passed on to Chester Sample, 65, former first vice president.

He succeeds automatically to the post left vacant by Thomas Henry Stevenson, who died while visiting his birthplace, Birmingham, England. Sample was born December 26, 1882, at Toronto, Kans. His family moved shortly to Louisville, Ky., where he spent his growing years and in 1902 joined the Molders' Union. He transferred to Chicago in 1905 and still lives there.

Sample was chosen as business agent of the Chicago and vicinity conference board of the Molders in 1914 and first became international vice-president in 1928.

## Don't Fail To Register!



"Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

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## Prison Project, Other Work Due In Salinas Area

In addition to the huge P.G.&E. Company plant to be erected at Moss Landing, a number of big building projects are in store for the Salinas area, union officials announced last week. (Story on the P.G.&E. building program in separate story.)

Heading the list of projects is the \$10,000,000 prison job due to be started shortly at the state prison at Soledad. This will be construction job by a private contractor with union labor, it has been stated. Contractor has not been announced, however.

Union officials last year protested use of convict labor on certain phases of the prison program and won an agreement that the main project would be by contract.

The Soledad prison project is to be paid for out of the \$400,000,000 set aside by the state for prison buildings and rehabilitation, it was announced.

George R. Harter, business agent for Salinas Carpenters Union 925, said that housing projects, small business and small industrial plants are planned also, all of which will add employment opportunities for the working man.

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, reports that the Macco Construction Corp. is starting operations of extending the breakwater at Moss Landing, adding that workmen already are hauling in huge rocks for fill.

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## HOW'S YOUR MEMORY?

By RICHARD SASULY

Back in the summer of 1935 I owned a car. It was a 1922 Hupmobile with all the elegance and grace of an old tugboat which had been beached in a hurricane.

I had some fine times in that car but I realize now that it could be my ruin. If ever the finger of the Un-American Activities Committee should come to rest on me, I would have had time answering questions about my old Hup.

Alger Hiss was once pretty well known as an important State Department official. He is now very well known as one of the committee's smear victims. The key to the committee's case against Hiss is an old Ford roadster he once owned, also in 1935.

Hiss got into trouble about the car right away when he said it was worth \$25 in 1935. Apparently the committee members drove good cars even during the depression. They couldn't believe any car would ever be worth less than \$50.

Well, I would get into trouble the same way. My old Hup cost exactly \$25 (to the best of my recollection—you have to add that these days to duck a perjury rap). It was worth every cent of it.

Then they asked Hiss how he got rid of the car. At this point he landed in real trouble and looked foolish doing so. He couldn't remember what happened to his Ford.

And that would be my trouble too. I can remember many things in great detail about my Hup but I cannot remember what happened to it in the end.

I can remember that at 29 1/2 miles an hour it ran along all day smooth and easy and comfortable as an old sewing machine. At anything over 30 it sounded like a threshing machine and threatened to explode.

WEST OF BISBEE

The top blew off on the grade approaching the crest of the divide just west of Bisbee, Ariz., and we replaced it with broomsticks, cement sacks and a piece of an old tarp. It had wide running boards you could curl up on to catch a couple of hours sleep at night. It was a bilious looking baby blue, crusted with dust and streaked with oil.

But I cannot remember what happened to it.

I can remember the last trip I took in the Hup. With three others I drove from Tucson, Ariz., to Washington, D. C. The Hup's drive shaft was mounted on loose bearings at each end. The front bearings were badly worn and kept throwing grease. All the way through the Pennsylvania mountains we could hear the drive shaft rattling. I remember expecting the front end of the shaft to drop, catch on the road and make the car do a sort of pole vault.

But I still don't know what happened to it. No dealer would have bought it. I don't think I gave it away. Maybe it stayed on a street until the cops towed it to the junkyard. I don't know. I would have to lie to end the story.

REFUSED TO LIE

Hiss refused to lie about what he could not remember. Therefore the committee called him a liar and he is threatened with jail and the ruin of his career.

The un-American committee's spy hunt has been full of amazing things. Not the least amazing is the fact that espionage has been talked about continuously, but not once has a recognized authority on intelligence work been called to give a picture of the way spy rings really work.

To me, however, most strange of all is the way the committee makes use of the normal working of people's memories. The committee's trained seals, witnesses like Elizabeth Bentley and Whitaker Chambers, remember everything. They never falter for a name, a date or a place. They can give you the exact shade of political complexion of anyone they have heard of in the last ten years.

The accused, like Alger Hiss, seem to have only normal memories. They remember some things, forget others. The things they forget are used by the committee to convict them in the headlines of being traitors.

## Dutch-Led Police Kill Indonesians

Jogjakarta—Firing wildly, Dutch-led police attacked a campfire meeting of Indonesian boy and girl scouts, killing one child and wounding six others. The youngsters were sitting outside Indonesian Republican headquarters celebrating the third anniversary of the founding of the republic when the brutal shooting began. Mass demonstrations and protest meetings throughout the land are assailing the assault on the children. The Indonesian Scout Association has appealed to the International Scout Congress demanding that swift action be taken against the Dutch for "committing such inhuman acts."

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Many of us say that we do not like what the 80th Congress did to us in the last two years. It is true that you did not get better schools for your children; Social Security was set back so that you did not get an increase in your old age pension; many people who are not organized failed to get higher wages; you did not get a home at a price you could afford. But you did get dollar-a-pound butter, a tax law that made the rich richer and did nothing for you, and you got a labor law that stripped you of your hard-earned gains since 1942. What do you propose to do about it? Public opinion polls show that the working man takes less interest than anyone else in politics. It may seem fantastic, but many of our old AFL members have a reactionary idea that the result in the election in November is inevitable—they assume that there is some "magic wand" that swings elections one way or another. The plain truth of the matter is that if the 43,000,000 of us wage and salary workers would quit sitting around grumbling about our sorry fate and get out to vote, starting right now, we could easily bring in a liberal Congress by an overwhelming vote. How may we serve ourselves?

One day of the year when all men are equal is election day. You may serve yourself on that day by voting. Your vote is as good as anybody else's—be they captain of industry or the last apprentice hired. If you do not vote, no one else can do it for you; just as in a union shop election where failure to vote is a vote for no union.

So... register before September 23 if you are not already registered—and vote on November 2.

To All Members in All Areas: A tremendous battle is being waged against a few men from Philadelphia who have taken the remnants of a dying organization, Local 78 FTA-CIO, as a result of 1,500 people bolting on July 14 last, and since then affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. These shed workers have over the years found that their existence would be stymied as to wages, hours and conditions if they continued under the FTA-CIO. Their leaders, headed by Donald Henderson, have brought these workers nothing. What was their purpose? Certainly not to advance labor's efforts for wages, hours and conditions! So we ask all of our members that the new local, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union Local 912, be given assistance directly whenever possible in the Salinas, Watsonville and Hollister areas. The Box Makers, who make the crates and who are AFL, have pledged their support to the shed workers now affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The Teamsters who drive the trucks and who haul the produce from the field to the sheds have also pledged their undivided support to Local 912. The ice men who make the ice that goes into the crates and the car and who are members of the AFL Teamsters have also pledged their support to Local 912.

An election will be held beginning September 27 and lasting through October 1 for all of the shed workers so that they may again be able to bargain under the laws of the nation with their employers. The FTA-CIO leaders who have never packed a head of lettuce in their lives are asking the shed workers to vote "no union" which means only that the Growers-Shippers who are the employers will not bargain with a group who have voted "no union," because under the law they do not have to unless it is a certified union and then the employer is forced to bargain.

There is a paper called The Shed Worker that is being published by Local 912 for its people. The American Federation of Labor and its thousands upon thousands of members in many, many crafts in the Salinas, Watsonville and Hollister areas know the true story. The former local officers of the FTA-CIO Local 78 and their entire Executive Board are the new officers of Local 912; such people as Holman Day and Ethel Alcorn and many others who have carried the ball for you certainly know the truth about what kind of support they have received from Donald Henderson and his gang from Philadelphia, who have become powerful in a foreign kind of politics with the money they have drained

from your local. In 1947 the amount exceeded \$93,000.

If you have not registered to vote, do it now before it is too late. Every citizen should cast his ballot in the November elections.

Important to all members employed at Liquid Ice Company in the engine room, shop and in the yard: The U. S. Conciliation Service has been notified and perhaps before this goes to press negotiations will resume regarding a new contract. You will be kept informed by your union regarding progress.

Negotiations are taking place with Sears Roebuck & Company regarding warehousemen and truck drivers. A further report will be made in this column next week.

Negotiations are progressing with the retail furniture group in Salinas for drivers and warehousemen. Watch this paper for further reports regarding this matter.

Union shop elections will be held very soon for all men employed at Central Supply, both in Salinas and Monterey; also at Frank J. Murphy Company, Carmel, for truck drivers and men working in warehouses.

Union shop elections will be held very soon at the following firms: Clark Brothers, Highway Transport, Gilbert, and Pacific Motor Transport.

If you are not a registered voter, remember to register the next time you are at the union office.

We ask all members to apply for work through the union office, as we have assignments now coming in, and may be able to place you on a job.

## AT THE FUNERAL OF THE BABE

By ED HUGHES

The early honorary pallbearers talked in hushed tones awaiting the arrival of Babe Ruth's remains at the cathedral.

"Were you close to the Babe in the old days?" I asked Jack Dempsey.

"We were pals but didn't see much of each other," said Jack. "Both of us traveled too much," he explained.

"Funny how that is when you think of it," said Jack. "Take Walter Johnson (greatest of pitchers) and me. We were introduced at a charity affair a few years before Walter fell ill. I said, 'Walter, you're the greatest pitcher I ever saw.' He was a shy guy, didn't seem to know what to say. Then, 'Well, Jack, I can say you're the best fighter I ever looked at.' This was honey for both of us. Then some guy asked Walter what was my fight that he enjoyed most."

Johnson was a swell, honest guy, you know. So he came right out with it: "Jack, I don't like to say this—I never saw you fight."

"I said, 'That's okay, Walter. You didn't miss much.'"

Then a pallbearer whispered: "Jack, how many times did you see Johnson work?"

"The truth is I missed him, too," Jack whispered.

Later, in his restaurant, Jack was snatching a quick lunch. He had the customers to handshake.

"I had to get away from the funeral fast," he said. "Those things get me down. We came up together—the Babe and me. He came to the Yankees just about the time I licked Willard and won the title. We were always in the news together."

True, they were brothers in world celebrity, the spotlight's glow, the roaring applause of the public. Celebrities are closer blood brothers and sisters than kinkfoks, sometimes. Dempsey seemed to feel that, the golden days now vanished in the immutable past. He and Babe had shared those flattering headlines between them. And now Babe was gone—a shining symbol of the great days Jack knew, too.

"Babe ought've lived longer," Jack mused. "Cancer, wasn't it?"

A man at the table babbled: "Babe might've lived longer if he had taken care of himself—like you always did, Jack."

Jack countered: "No, I wouldn't say that. Cancer can get anybody—you or me. Jim Corbett, a good friend of mine, died of it. And he was a clean liver all his life. Jack pulled on a cigar which he still smokes amateurishly. He never smoked or drank till he quit fighting."

NUMBER IS UP

The babbler pressed Jack. "Certainly a guy who takes care of himself oughta live longer than a guy who doesn't. Right?"

"It doesn't always work out that way," Jack shot back. "When your number is up, it's up. Everybody's got to get to heaven his own way, I guess."

"Look," Jack said, "Babe lived the way he saw it. That's all any of us can do. Remember the tough times he had getting down to playing weight? I remember posing with him, boxing gloves on, in Artie McGovern's gym. Artie was a young guy who knew all about the rules of health. He made a lot of money by it. And Artie died about 10 years ago. How do you figure such things?"

Dempsey arose. "Excuse me a minute," he said. He joined a customer, a prosperous looking individual dining with his wife. Dempsey chatted with them, giving off the old goodwill oil, autographing the menu.

Suddenly I noticed Jack had disappeared.

I asked his restaurant manager "Where'd he go?"

"Just said he was through for the day. Said he didn't feel like talking. No good being around. He didn't say—you know how Jack is—but I suspect it's the Babe. You know he was an honorary pallbearer this morning."

## Canada Restores Some Controls

Ottawa.—Belatedly reacting to zooming prizes, the Canadian government has restored controls on bread and flour made from western Canada wheat. Prices are frozen at July 31 levels, which were at a high peak. Pointing to skyrocketing living costs, 100,000 civil servants are demanding a \$13.50 monthly bonus immediately plus an additional \$7.40 bonus for each 5-point rise in the cost of living index beyond the January 2 figure.

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## Propose Radio Union Merger

Boston.—The American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) has proposed a merger of the five unions with jurisdiction over radio performers.

The suggestion was made in a resolution adopted at AFRA's annual convention here. Until a merger can be achieved, AFRA will claim jurisdiction over television performers.

The Taft-Hartley Act and proposed anti-labor legislation in Massachusetts were sharply attacked by the convention. Another resolution called for a court test case on violations of the "unfair stations" clause in the national network commercial code, which allows network performers to refuse to go on the air if their programs are carried over radio stations affiliates unfair to AFRA.

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## Contact SSA When 65 or Lose Benefits

Are you losing payments every month that you might get under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Social Security Act? John J. Cassidy, manager of the San Jose Social Security Office, stated today that the Social Security Administration is anxious to protect the interests of all workers and their families, but that its office cannot do this unless workers who reach age 65 and the families of deceased workers make sure to contact promptly the Social Security office.

"We want to handle your claims for you, and this is done without any charge," Cassidy said, "but we must have a signed application before we can make any payments."

"We had a caller recently," said Cassidy, "who lost 27 months' benefits because she delayed filing her claim for herself and her minor child. When we asked her why she delayed, she said simply, 'I didn't know you paid benefits to survivors. I thought only people aged 65 could be paid.' A friend, as is often the case, had prompted this widow to call at our office. We were able to pay her three months' back payments, as the law allows, but no more. Not only widows but many retired workers aged 65 lose benefit payments every month. They should see us and find out if they are losing money. Earned insurance rights should be exercised."

"Our office is located at 28 North First Street, San Jose, in the Commercial Building, and our telephone number is Ballard 1817. See us without delay and let us help you," Cassidy concluded.

## PREDICT LIMITED LABOR SHORTAGES

Washington. — Labor shortages in the Great Lakes and Middle Atlantic aircraft and shipbuilding centers were predicted by the Labor Department because of air force expansion and European aid programs. It is expected that labor supply for the expansion of these industries will be drawn from other labor surplus in small and housing shortages will hold back migration.



## George Miller, Jr., Blasts Prop. 3 As Move to Amend Full Crew Law

Assemblyman George Miller, Jr., state senator-elect, Contra Costa County, accepted appointment to the post of campaign director for the California Committee for Railroad Safety, a committee recently organized to win a majority "No" vote on Proposition No. 3 this November, temporary Chairman John W. Schuler, Mt. Shasta businessman, has announced.

"The full-crew law was titled by the Legislature as 'an act to promote the safety of employees and travelers upon railroads by compelling common carriers by railroads to properly man their trains,'" Miller said.

"This act was passed by the Legislature, February 20, 1911, as a safety measure; and, now with tremendously increased traffic and increased car loads and with much of the rolling stock old and dilapidated the law has increased in importance; it must be retained."

"Stymied by a safety-minded legislature that refused to bow before the whip of the railroad lobby, the Companies failed in their attempt to remove this life-saving law from the books during the 1947 Legislative session. Via the expensive route of paid petition circulators the railroads have placed a measure on the November ballot—in the form of Proposition 3—which, if passed, would amend our Full-Crew Law."

"We, who are primarily concerned with the safety of the traveling public, railroad employees who work in an inherently dangerous industry, and the uninterrupted flow of commerce—instead of more and more profits for the railroad magnates will work hard and long for a "No" vote on Proposition 3," Miller pledged.

## U.S. Big Business Invades Gr. Britain

London.—The British Board of Trade has approved a plan permitting U.S. big business interests to set up plants in England. Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is the first of the American companies to disclose details of its capital investment. The company expects to build an oil refinery at Fawley to handle petroleum from the Middle East.

## Greek Postal Workers Win 3-Day Strike

Athens. — Refusing to bow to government force, Greek postal workers won a 3-day strike for higher wages. During the walkout the government arrested leading officials of the union on charges of being "deserters" from war work.

## A Peach and Her Pears



California's famous pears are being featured in many of the 40 county exhibits during the California State Fair in Sacramento September 2 through 12, and they are delicious, according to pretty Joan Harlow of Sacramento. She says those picked near her own city are the "best in the world." Of course Joan is prejudiced but judges will decide during the Fair when \$45,000 in premium awards will be split among successful exhibitors of the state's diversified agricultural products.

## BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, August 19, 1948, was called to order by Chairman John Olson at 8:00 p.m.

Roll call showed 15 delegates from nine local unions present.

Minutes of the previous meeting, August 5, 1948, read and after the Painters' wage rate was changed to read \$2.28 4/7 per hour or \$16 per seven-hour day, the minutes were approved.

Credentials for Bro. J. B. Murphy from Roofers' L. U. 50 were read and after favorable consideration by the Organization Board, he was ordered seated by a vote of the Council.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Minutes of the Monterey Central Labor Council, August 3, noted and filed.

Voting records of members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives noted and filed.

A letter from the United AFL Political and Educational Committee concerning UAFU Committee's cards read and filed.

A letter from the State Building and Construction Trades Council concerning Plasterers' L. U. 763 wishing to affiliate, read and filed.

A letter from the Ironworkers Employers Association listing the wage scale of the Ironworkers for this district read and filed.

A telegram from the California AFL Committee for Wallace announced a meeting in Fresno August 29, read and filed.

A 1948 statewide legislative conference to be held in Fresno September 11 and 12, read and filed.

Minutes of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council, noted and filed.

A letter from the Department of Industrial Relations requesting the wage rates of the building trades crafts of Monterey County, read and filed.

A working agreement from Roofers' L. U. 50 for consideration of the Council.

### BILLS

All bills were read and after approval by the trustees were ordered paid by a vote of the Council.

At this time the regular order of business was suspended and a committee of C. Allaire, P. Neilson and Mr. Craine, from the Painting Contractors Association, spoke before the Council concerning the disagreement between the contractors and Painters' Union.

A letter from the painting contractors to the general contractors was presented to the secretary to be read to the Council. Bro. Bolin pointed out that the letter did not state correctly the terms offered by the Association to Painters' Local 272. Mr. Allaire spoke for the Association and stated the contractors had offered the same agreement as last year and would gladly sign again, or the contractors would sign the same type of agreement as the Carpenters have without the shop card clause. Bro. Ray Isakson asked for a clarification of the shop card clause. Mr. Allaire explained that the shop card meant the local union men would work only for painting contractors belonging to the Painting Contractors Association. Each contractor would have to have a shop card obtained from the Association. Any contractor from out of town would have to secure a permit from the Association before being allowed to hire painters to do any jobs. The cost to each contractor to belong to the Association being \$25 initiation fee, \$5 per month dues and \$12 for a shop card to a painting contractor, or \$72 for a general contractor who had a painting crew. Mr. Crane stated it was an agreement between the painting contractors and the union to police both contractors and workers under the new agreement, the power to penalize either the contractor or the workers would be withdrawn but would require the Painters' Union to work only for Association members with shop cards.

Mr. Neilson spoke briefly and stated all painting contractors in this district, but one, had used the shop card the past year.

Bro. Bolin stated the Painters' Union did not object to the shop cards but did object to the union enforcing the provisions of the shop cards for the Association.

The contractors' committee was excused.

The regular order of business was resumed.

### BUSINESS AGENTS' REPORTS

Bro. Miller reported the Millmen have signed a new agreement with the planing mills.

Bro. Bolin reported about 55 per cent of the Painters were working for the new scale of \$16 per seven-hour day.

Bro. Thomas reported the Laborers have signed a new agreement with the mills which calls for 12 1/2-cent increase per hour.

### REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brickmasons' L. U. 16, no report. Carpenters L. U. 1233: Bro. Dickerson, routine meeting.

Electricians L. U. 1072: Bro. Fales, good meeting. Electricians now working for new scale. Need more men.

Laborers L. U. 690: Bro. Casati, routine meeting.

Lathers L. U. 122: No meeting. Plasterers L. U. 337: Bro. Thomas, initiated two new members.

Plumbers L. U. 62: Bro. Long, good meeting. Plumbers have signed new agreement and new wage scale.

Roofers L. U. 50: Bro. Powell, good meeting. Roofers have signed new agreement and are working for a new wage scale.

Sheet Metal Workers L. U. 304: Bro. Isakson, good meeting. International organizer present.

The regular order of business was again suspended and a painting contractor, Mr. Sharkey, was invited to speak before the Council. Mr. Sharkey stated he had just been expelled from the Painting Contractors Association and a \$200 fine assessed against him for signing the new agreement with the Painters' local. Also Mr. Sharkey stated he opposed several ads the Association had placed in the papers. He thought the new union agreement was a good agreement and would continue painting contracting regardless of the Association. Mr. Sharkey was excused.

Bro. Bolin stated Mr. Sharkey has been 100 per cent union in the past and the Painters would give Mr. Sharkey all the assistance possible. Also several other Association members have signed and quite a few new contractors and general contractors. Bro. Bolin reported the Association and the union had been negotiating for over four months. At several meetings the union members had voted overwhelmingly against retaining the shop card clause in the new agreement.

NEW BUSINESS  
Bro. Powell asked the B. A. to stop all crafts but the Roofers from installing asbestos shingles. These shingles have been awarded to the Roofers and the Roofers expect the rest of the crafts to respect the jurisdiction.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
The financial report was read. Bro. Powell requested the expenses itemized in reading the expenditures. After this was done, the report was approved.

The trustees were ordered to audit the books for the second quarter. Bro. Grubbs was reported out of town on legal business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
HARRY FOSTER,  
Recording Secretary.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Contributed by DAVID M. MONTOYA  
Recording Secretary, Butchers' Union 506, Watsonville Branch

One of the things that hurts organized labor nowadays besides the Taft-Hartley law is the union member who lets liquor interfere with his work. Recently there came up for reinstatement two fine men whose skill with a knife can never be doubted. Still, with all their skill, these men are unable to hold a job because they are slaves to the liquor habit.

Three times these men have been reinstated and even after the union has taken pity on them and given them a chance to pay up in weekly installments, they claim the union is "unjust."

The union does not need this kind of men. In fact, we would be far better off without them. Yet it is a hard thing to take a man's skill away from him. No, I would never favor ousting these men from the union unless they absolutely refuse to pay their fines and dues.

There are other men in the area who are hard to place because of their drinking habit. And who can blame an employer for not wanting this type of man? What the employer wants is a reliable man, one who can take over the reins of a business in the employer's absence and have everything under control when he comes back.

It isn't asking too much of a man to expect him to do eight hours of honest work. It is only fair to be honest with your employer. After all, he is the one who signs your check. But don't forget that although you depend on your employer for a job, you also depend on your union to safeguard the good conditions you now enjoy.

Your union and your job go hand in hand together, so you really owe allegiance to both the union and the job.

Getting back to the weak persons who take on drink and pretty soon they think the world is theirs. Everything is forgotten. For the time being they have no homes, no wives, no children. Their intoxicated minds can think of only one thing: "Set 'em up, bartender!"

They don't say it—they mumble it. In the meantime the little wife waits at home wondering where is that good-for-nothing husband? Today was payday, she thinks, and she has a list of things to buy. The little boy needs a pair of shoes. She has been trying to buy him shoes since last month but it is hard to make ends meet — with the liquor bills the husband is running up.

Finally the wife loses patience and decides to go look for her husband. Wait a minute! Where can he be? He usually goes to the bar on the corner, but he also frequents those farther down the street. Nothing to do but try them all!

She finds her husband but his mind is so blank he doesn't recognize his own wife!

Again I say to these weak people—why don't you wake up and change your way of living? Your whole future lies ahead of you, if you will only take hold of yourself and get down to business. Remember your earning power is only good up to a certain age, and after that you begin to reap what you have sowed! God was kind to us when he made us. He created us in His own image with a body and soul. He gave you two hands with which to earn your daily bread. He also gave you a mind to think with and a free will. That free will is what most of us abuse!

Just because a bartender jokes with you and pats you on the back is no reason to think he is your friend. Ask him for some help one of these days when you get sick, and you'll find out. Or let the liquor bill go for a couple of weeks and see if he sets up drinks for you. The minute you cease to pay he ceases to be a friend. That fine car he drives and that nice home he has should really be owned by you! Think — what do you have to show for that money you earn? Nothing but bills and an awful hollow feeling in the pit of your stomach!

Yet the union is blamed for not being able to find work these days for men who drink to excess!

The liquor habit can be overcome just as easily as any other habit. All a man has to do is make up his mind to leave liquor alone. That's where will-power comes into the picture—plenty of will-power! And if man can dominate the most ferocious of beasts he should, and can dominate his own bad habits.

Have you ever seen a home that didn't need something done to it, even though it was perhaps just a window which needed cleaning? There's the little child—needing help with school work, or if not in

school needing help to learn the ABC's.

There are so many things to do — worthwhile things which would keep the mind busy and at the same time make loved ones feel that there is something to live for after all.

The wife and children enjoy going to a movie once in a while — don't be ashamed to be seen in their company. Get your self-respect back and you will not be sorry — then you will be able to hold up your head. And when an employer calls up the union office for a man, the union can say: "We have just the man you need!"

Most of all there will be that wonderful feeling that your family is well taken care of. Yes, your little child will be proud to say: "That's my daddy!"

## Pamphlet About Unionist Facing Deportation Now

"Don't Let Them Turn Back the Clock" is the name of a pamphlet recently published by Local 89, AFL Chefs and Cooks' Union, in New York City, which tells the story of one of the union officials whom the Justice Department is trying to deport.

The booklet tells the story of Arduilio Susi, secretary-treasurer of Local 89—how he came to America from Italy in 1926 to escape fascism and "now faces something similar in the United States." Those interested in reading of the Justice Department's persecution of Susi and other trade union officials can obtain a free copy of the pamphlet by mailing a postcard to Local 89, Chefs and Cooks' Union, 981 Eighth Avenue, New York 19, N. Y.

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